Français 332 Mademoiselle Mooney

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**Materials**: Class text: *C’est à Toi! 2 (*with workbook)

3 ring binder with paper and dividers

Writing utensils (pencil and or pen—blue/black)

Optional but useful materials: French/English dictionary

**General Rules:**

1. **Class preparation**: Students are expected to come to class with the necessary materials (binder, textbook, pens/pencils, homework, etc.). Failure to come prepared will negatively affect the student’s participation grade—if one is not prepared they cannot participate properly.
2. **Homework**: Homework will be assigned every night and checked every class with very little exception. Some nights the homework may be to study for a quiz or test. Homework will be regularly posted on my website: [**www**.**lmooney415.wikispaces.com**](http://www.lmooney415.wikispaces.com)

Students are responsible to find the homework and to print it out, if necessary. Homework should be completed thoroughly and conscientiously as it is assigned to reinforce class material. Students who are absent must find out from a classmate what the homework was—**absence is not an excuse for not having the homework!** *\*\*Homework will count as one quiz grade every quarter. You start with 100%. For every missing homework you lose ten points. (i.e. 3 missing homeworks = 70%)*

1. **Punctuality**: Students must arrive to class on time and must *be ready to start when the bell rings*. Waking up late, missing one’s ride, or difficulty finding a parking space are not acceptable reasons for tardiness. Lateness will affect both your learning and your grade in a negative manner.
2. **Attendance**: Students are expected to be in class every day. Each class missed makes it harder to keep up with the material. Parents are required to call the General Office the morning of the student’s absence. Missing class for any reason other than those specified by New York State will be considered illegal and parents will be contacted. Students who cut class will receive a zero for any graded work that day including quizzes, exams, class activities and presentations.
3. **Tests and quizzes**: If a student misses a test or quiz, he/she must make up a modified version within three days of their return to school—provided that the absence is legal. Failure to do so will result in a ZERO. Students are responsible for contacting me to arrange a time and place to make up the quiz or test and are encouraged to make arrangements as soon as they know they will be absent.
4. **Cheating**: Copying another person’s homework, lifting material from the Internet or other sources, *using a translator*, and copying answers during an exam are all forms of dishonesty. Students will receive a zero for work done dishonestly and their parents will be notified. School policy requires that the department chair and the dean be notified as well. For multiple infractions the principal will meet with the parents.
5. **Matters of respect**: For the class to function well, all participants must be respectful of each other. This includes raising one’s hand to participate, not interrupting while another is speaking, listening politely to different opinions, being open to personal and cultural differences and encouraging and supporting others in an atmosphere of cooperation. Behavior that does not uphold the respectful expectations will result in a phone call home and detention. There are certain things that are inappropriate in a classroom including cell phones, IPods and other electronics. If seen, these items will be confiscated to be retrieved after school from an assistant principal.
6. **Extra-help:** Language learning is cumulative and so a student is encouraged to come for extra help immediately if they think they need it. My office is **# 415** and my schedule is posted there as well as in the classroom. Come see me to make an appointment. Other options for extra help include tutoring sessions with Signifer students.
7. **Marking Period Grades**: Quarter grades will be broken down as follows:

Tests: 55%

Quizzes: 35%

Participation: 10%

(Projects will count as either a quiz or test)

There will be several quizzes per marking period. Tests will include a listening and speaking portion. You must use the restroom before an exam or quiz. Projects will be assigned with a rubric to make expectations clear for the student. Participation will be judged on a daily basis including continuous use of French and frequency of participation. *Speaking in English will negatively affect your grade.*

1. **Final Grade**: The four marking period averages and the final exam grade each count 20% on the final grade. For seniors, the first three marking period grades and the final exam count 22% of the final grade. Fourth quarter counts 12% of the final grade.
2. **Final Exam Exemption for Seniors**: A senior whose average for the four quarters is A- or higher with no quarter grade lower than B+ is eligible for final exam exemption provided he/she has a clean attendance record (no cuts or excessive tardiness) and excellent behavior in class.